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Applicants:	Scott Alan Stratmoen, et al.	)	
		)	Art Unit: 2686
Serial No.:	09/802,296	)	
		)	Examiner: Charles Appiah
Filed:	March 8, 2001	)	
		)	Confirmation No.: 3180
For:	CREDIT CARD	)	
	COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	)	

REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Upon review of the Office Action mailed on 11/04/2003, and per telephone discussion with Examiner Appiah on 11/21/03, it has been determined that the U.S.P.T.O. does not have record of at least the following papers that have been filed with the U.S.P.T.O. by the Applicant:

- ✓ (1) Preliminary Amendment filed on February 21, 2003; and
- ✓ (2) Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on July 10, 2003.

Enclosed are copies of each aforementioned paper and the affiliated previously submitted filing papers, including the Certificate of Mailing, Return Postcard, Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal, and Check for Fee.

Applicant requests that the enclosed papers are entered and considered by the Examiner of record. Additionally, Applicant requests that the Office Action mailed on 11/04/2003 be withdrawn, since the aforementioned Preliminary and Supplementary Amendments are directed towards the claims as originally filed.

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Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reset the period for reply from the date of which the revised Supplemental Office Action is mailed to the Applicant.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: Nov 21, 2003

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	First Named Inventor	Scott Stratmoen
	Group Art Unit	2631
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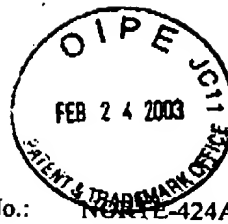
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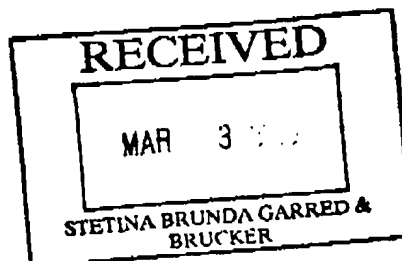


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